

REMARKS

Summary

In this Office Action, claims 21-32 stand rejected. Claims 21, 22, 24-30, and 32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,907,034 issued to Begis (hereinafter "*Begis*"). Claims 23 and 31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over *Begis* in view of U.S. Publication No. 2002/0175915 of Lichtfuss (hereinafter "*Lichtfuss*").

In response, claims 21, 23, 28, 29, and 31 have been amended, placing said claims and claims 22, 24-27, 30, and 32, which depend from one of claims 21 and 29, in condition of allowance. Support for the amendments is found throughout the originally submitted application. No new matter has been added.

Thus, claims 21-32 presently are pending.

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Rejections under § 102: *Begis*

In the Office Action, claims 21, 22, 24-30, and 32 were rejected under § 102 as being anticipated by *Begis*. In response and as noted above, claims 21 and 29 have been amended thereby placing said claims and claims 22, 24-28, 30, and 32, which depend from one of claims 21 and 29, in condition of allowance.

Claim 21, as amended, recites an apparatus comprising:

- an adapter configured to couple the apparatus to a voice network;
- an input key coupled to the adapter and configured, upon actuation, to initiate a negotiation procedure to procure an access code via the voice network;
- a network interface configured to couple the apparatus to a data network to provide a data network session of a data conference based at least in part on the access code;
- an image processor coupled to the network interface and configured to communicate image data with the network interface;

a projector for displaying an image based at least in part on image data transmitted over the data network;

a housing adapted to incorporate the adapter, the input key, the network interface, the image processor, and the projector into an integrated dataconferencing appliance.

Thus, the apparatus as claimed comprises, among other things, a projector for displaying an image and a housing adapted to incorporate the various claimed elements into an integrated dataconferencing appliance.

In contrast, *Begis* fails to teach each and every element of claim 21, as amended. Rather, *Begis* discloses a system of components such as switch **310**, telephone **110** (or **305**), and computer **105** (or **325**) to provide various functionalities. See, e.g., *Begis*, 5:63-6:21; Fig. 3A. However, *Begis* cannot be said to disclose an apparatus comprising, among other things, a projector for displaying an image based at least in part on image data transmitted over the data network. *Begis* at best discloses projecting images on a computer which cannot be said to anticipate a projector.

Furthermore, *Begis* fails to teach an apparatus comprising a housing adapted to incorporate an adapter, an input key, a network interface, an image processor, and a projector into an integrated dataconferencing appliance. Rather, *Begis*' system consists of various dissociated components which fail to include a housing incorporating elements into an integrated dataconferencing appliance. Even if one could read any of *Begis*' components to teach "a housing," one could not also say that any of *Begis*' components disclose a housing incorporating elements including, among other things, a projector given that *Begis* fails to disclose a projector.

Thus, *Begis* cannot be said to anticipate the apparatus of claim 21.

Therefore, for at least the foregoing reasons, claim 21 is allowable over *Begis*. Claims 22, 24-28, 30, and 32 depend from and add additional features to claim 21. Therefore, by virtue of their dependency, claims 22, 24-28, 30, and 32 are also patentable over *Begis*.

Rejections under § 103: *Begis/Lichtfuss*

In the Office Action, claims 23 and 31 stand rejected under § 103 as being unpatentable over *Begis* in view of *Lichtfuss*. As noted previously, claims 21 and 29 are allowable over *Begis*. *Lichtfuss* does not remedy the above-discussed deficiencies of *Begis* and thus, for at least the same reasons, independent claims 21 and 29 remain patentable over *Begis* even when combined with *Lichtfuss*. Claims 23 and 31 depend from one of claims 21 and 29 thereby incorporating the limitations contained therein. Therefore, claims 21 and 29 are patentable *Begis* and *Lichtfuss* combined and are in proper form for allowance.

Although not asserted in the Office Action, Applicant would like to additionally note that it would not be obvious for one skilled in the art to modify *Begis* to arrive at the apparatus of claim 21 or the method of claim 29, as amended. *Begis* is directed to establishing out-of-band signaling for network based computer session synchronization, via telephones and computers. *Begis*' system 300 at best discloses network interfacing between personal computers using various elements of system 300. See *Begis*, 5:63-6:21; Fig. 3A. Reference to *Begis*' drawings further show that it is clear that *Begis*' is directed to connection between a first location having a telephone and a computer and a second location having a telephone and a computer. See, e.g., *Begis*, Fig. 1, 3B.

In contrast, claims 21 and 29 are directed to a novel desktop solution, the apparatus comprising various elements in a housing adapted to incorporate the elements into an integrated dataconferencing appliance. Among other elements, the apparatus comprises a projector. This desktop solution does not require each dataconference participant to have a personal computer, vitiating the necessity for participants to configure network connections. This unconventional move away from computer-centered networking provides a novel approach to dataconferencing. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that it would not be obvious to one skilled in the art to modify *Begis* to arrive at the apparatus of claim 21 or method of claim 29.

CONCLUSION


Applicant respectfully submits that the claims 21-32 are presented in allowable form. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at (503) 796-2972.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge shortages or credit overpayments to Deposit Account No. 500393.

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